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SOVIET ZONE COMMUNISTS COURT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

Berlin, 6 January -- The orders the German Communists received from Moscow through Walter Ulbricht contain revolutionary plans for Germany, but so far there is only talk about these plans.

The Kremlin's orders to the SED to pursue a course of moderation and to maintain the most active contact possible between Eastern and Western Germany until further notice are designed to conciliate the Social Democratic Party (SPD). The Communists entertain ideas about direct political cooperation between the two otherwise very antagonistic parties, the Communists and the Social Democrats. The whole purpose of this strategy is to torpedo the Adenauer regime.

The main outline of the Communist plan is as follows: Moscow will propose a new four-power agreement on a unified Germany to the Western Powers. The Western Powers will demand free elections throughout Germany as the price for an East-West German merger. This the Russians will accept. Before the free elections, the Russians will give Schumacher's SPD the right to operate freely in the Soviet Zone. It is believed that this party, which in the past has been forbidden in Eastern Germany, will get a large number of votes. The SPD would undoubtedly be the largest party in a joint East-West German parliament and would, presumably with Communist support, be able to form a united Germany's first cabinet. With the Communist Party's support, only the Social Democratic-Communist socialization plans could be realized. Particularly if the Ruhr region is taken into consideration, this could be a decisive blow against the Petersberg Agreement, which, as is well known, has been bitterly contested by Schumacher.

Communist plans figure that the bourgeois parties of the Eastern Zone, the CDU and the LdD, would lose in a free election. Many of the CDU's and the LdD's voters, it is believed, would gladly seize the opportunity to demonstrate their dissatisfaction and opposition by voting for the Social Democrats. Such a development would at present be welcomed by the Russians and the Eastern Zone Communists. Thinking of the certain Social Democrat success at the polls, the Communists will reconcile themselves to the prospect of unsuccessful election results for the Eastern German SED party.

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